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For : CALCIUM PHOSPHATE-SYNTHETIC RESIN-METAL COMPOSITE
BODY AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

REQUEST FOR INITIALED PTO-FORM1449

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Sir :

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return a duly-initialed copy of the attached FORM PTO-1449. The attached FORM PTO-1449 lists U.S. Patent No. 4,222,128 to TOMANAGA which is cited and discussed in the Official Action mailed June 14, 2005, although this patent was not cited on a FORM PTO-892. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner initial the FORM PTO-1449 submitted herewith in order that the face of the issued patent will reflect the Examiner's consideration of the document.

Applicants also wish to clarify the record with regard to an initialed copy of the FORM PTO-1449 submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement of January 6, 2004. This form was returned with the Official Action mailed June 14, 2005, but the citations thereon to the three Japanese patent documents and the English translations were lined through with notation "Duplicates". However, in order that the

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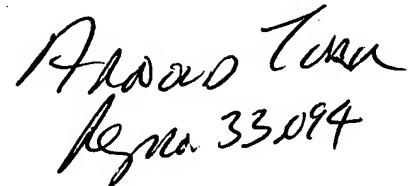
record is clear the citation of these documents included a full English translation as compared to the submission of these documents with English abstracts in the Information Discloser Statement filed October 20, 2003.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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